This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-42: (Canceled)

Claim 43 (Currently Amended): An encrypted data transmitting method comprising the steps of:

transmitting information indicating a watching and listening unit time to a receiving side;
setting an arbitrary unit time;
generating an encryption key at intervals of the unit time set in said setting step;

transmitting the encrypted data to the a receiving side;

encrypting data by using a the generated encryption key;

information indicating a next key change time to the receiving side, in accordance with a request from the receiving side issued on the basis of the information indicating the watching and listening unit time;

changing the key for each of the watching and listening unit;

accepting a request which is issued from the receiving side on the basis of the information indicating the next key change time;

transmitting a second decoding key of the encrypted data and the next key change time to the receiving side in response to the acceptance of the request;

upon accepting the request, recording a watching and listening time obtained by integrating the watching and listening unit time; and

charging on the basis of the recorded watching and listening time.

Claim 44 (Canceled)

Claim 45 (Canceled)

Claim 46 (Currently Amended): A computer readable medium storing a computer program for causing to execute an encrypted data transmitting method comprising the steps of: transmitting information indicating a watching and listening unit time to a receiving side; setting an arbitrary unit time;

generating an encryption key at intervals of the unit time set in said setting step; encrypting data by using a the generated encryption key;

transmitting the encrypted data to the a receiving side;

transmitting information for decoding a first decoding key of the encrypted data and information indicating a next key change time to the receiving side, in accordance with a request from the receiving side issued on the basis of the information indicating the watching and listening unit time;

ehanging the key for each of the watching and listening unit;

accepting a request which is issued from the receiving side on the basis of the information indicating the next key change time;

transmitting a second decoding key of the encrypted data and the next key change time to the receiving side in response to the acceptance of the request;

upon accepting the request, recording a watching and listening time obtained by integrating the watching and listening unit time; and

charging on the basis of the <u>recorded</u> watching and listening time.

Claims 47-49 (Canceled)

Claim 50. (New) An encrypted data transmitting apparatus comprising:

a setting unit, adapted to set an arbitrary unit time;

a generating unit, adapted to generate an encryption key at intervals of the unit time set by said setting unit;

an encrypting unit, adapted to encrypt data by using the generated encryption key;

a first transmitting unit, adapted to transmit a first decoding key of the encrypted data and information indicating a next key change time to the receiving side;

an accepting unit, adapted to accept a request which is issued from the receiving side on the basis of the information indicating the next key change time;

a second transmitting unit, adapted to transmit a second decoding key of the encrypted data and the next key change time to the receiving side in response to the acceptance of the request;

a recording unit, adapted to record, upon accepting the request, a watching and listening time by integrating the unit time; and

charging unit, adapted to charge on the basis of the recorded watching and listening time.